

Appin. No. 10/526,347
Amendment dated March 2, 2009
Reply to Office Action mailed October 1, 2008

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please cancel the first sheet and replace it with the attached sheet. Reference number 3 has been replaced with reference number 23 in one case.

Attachment: One Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Attorney for applicants has carefully reviewed the outstanding Office Action on the above-referenced application. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 3-8, 11, and 18.

Applicants have amended the specification to clarify that the strut extension has reference number 5 and not 5'. Also, Fig. 1b has been amended to change reference number 3 to 23 in one case.

Applicants' attorney is pleased to note that, at page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1 and 3 would be allowable if amended to overcome the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection. The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection of Claims 1 and 3-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In particular, please note the following:

Claim 1

- a. The term "preferably" has been deleted.
- b. The tabletop is the same tabletop as previously claimed in the second to last line of claim 1.

Claim 3

- a. In second d), the tabletop is the same tabletop as previously claimed and plural tabletops are being claimed.
- b. The term "preferably" has been deleted.

Claim 4

- a. The term "preferably" has been deleted.
- b. The transverse supports and the legs are the same transverse supports and legs as previously claimed.
- c. The terms "e.g." and "i.e." have been deleted.

Claims 5 and 6

- a. The term "preferably" has been deleted.

Claim 7

- a. The term "channel-like" has been deleted.
- b. Plural tabletops are being claimed.

Claim 8

- a. The term "preferably" has been deleted.

Claim 11

- a. The term "preferably" has been deleted.
- b. The reference number for the term "strut extension" is now 5. This term has been used for the first time in the claims.

Claim 18

- a. The term "for example" has been deleted.
- b. The term "inserts" are the same inserts as previously claimed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants' attorney respectfully requests reexamination and allowance of pending Claims 1 and 3-18, and examination and allowance of Claims 4-18. If such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is cordially invited to place a telephone call to applicants' attorney in order that any outstanding issue may be resolved without the issuance of a further Office Action.

Enclosed is a Petition for a two-month extension of time to and including Monday, March 2, 2009, for which a \$490 fee is due. The Petition authorizes the Examiner to charge this \$490 fee to Deposit Account No. 503571. If there are any additional fees due as a result of this Amendment, including extension and petition fees, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 503571.

Respectfully Submitted,

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